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**Introduced by Senator Dutton**

February 16, 2005

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An act to add Section 53121 to the Government Code, relating to emergency telephone systems.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 339, as introduced, Dutton. Emergency telephone systems.

Existing law, the Warren–911–Emergency Assistance Act, requires every local public agency, as defined, within its respective jurisdiction to establish and have in operation a basic system, or be part of a system, that automatically connects a person dialing “911” to an established public safety answering point through normal telephone service facilities. Existing law requires these systems to include police, firefighting, and emergency medical and ambulance services.

This bill would require local public agencies operating an emergency telephone system to use primary safety answering points in a triage manner so that callers would receive those services needed or appropriate to the situation that caused the emergency telephone call.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 53121 is added to the Government
- 2 Code, to read:
- 3 53121. A local public agency, as defined in Section 53101,
- 4 operating an emergency telephone system shall use primary
- 5 safety answering points in a triage manner so that callers receive
- 6 those services needed or appropriate to the situation that caused
- 7 the emergency telephone call.

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